

BUTCHER -- KNIFE.

DANVILLE:

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GEORGE & WM. P. GREGG, Editors.

Official paper for publishing list of letters and legal advertisements.

Our Difficulties.

Since our last issue, we have been thrown into commotion by several little occurrences, which have given us considerable trouble and delayed our paper for a few hours. Although it is not very interesting to read an explanation of such things, yet we do explain in order to set the matter in its true light before our readers so that they may judge correctly who is in the wrong.

When Mr. Green left town he gave the office into our charge, to carry on the mechanical work that was to be done; said that he had made arrangements for it to be sold; that if he did not return in time, the transfer would be made by John Irons, &c. The time has passed away in which he was to return; the office has not been sold, and we are still in possession of it. After Mr. G. had gone, the trustees of the Masonic lodge came to us and gave a verbal notice to remove the office from the room where it now is. They said that Mr. G. had failed to pay the rent, and had left without making any arrangements for its payment. At that time, having some interest in retaining the office, we told them if they would permit it to remain, we would see the rent was paid. But no, that would not answer, they must have possession of the room. Then we told them, if they must have possession to get it the best way they could. On last Monday they came with saws, hatchets, gimlets, &c., nailed down the windows put new locks on the doors, and then demanded possession. We told them if they would carry us out, they could get possession; but in no other way. Not taking up with the model idea, they left, and we have not been bothered with trustees since.

But the end was not yet, some of these same trustees, knowing that it would be impossible to get possession so long as the office continued in our care, saddled a boy, who had a claim against Green, and had him to sue him in order that an attachment could be had for the office. They knew full well that there is a mortgage overhanging the office which will take the

whole value of the office to satisfy, and probably the boy will be compelled to pay the cost of the suit and get nothing. But in their blind ambition and over-anxiousness to get possession they forgot the difficulties in which the boy might be entangled. But *possession!* don't it sound large?

The Sheriff came with the attachment had the office appraised, moved it to the opposite side of the street, and locked it up. This riled our 'anxious' a little, and we got out an *attachment* and had the office re-attached, and moved it back to its first location. The trouble is now over, and we again move along in the 'even tenor of our way.' The office will remain in our possession as long as we want it; and if any person wishes to subscribe for the 'Knife' or have job work done they can be accommodated. We have a fighting editor who holds in his hand a large Butcher-Knife, (double its former dimensions) ready to sweep down, as with the besom of destruction, all who make advances to stop the freedom of the press or in any way try to tear from our Knife that 'edge' which has made some of them squirm so awfully.

The Butcher-Knife Enlarged.

It is a self-evident fact that the 'Knife' is growing, she now measures double her former circumference. It contained itself as long as possible in its small dimensions and now she spreads herself. This will be gratifying to its readers. The subscription price will *not* be enlarged. This change is made in order to give room to advertisements which must necessarily be published. It will now contain about a half more reading matter, than heretofore. We hope all our friends will try to increase our subscription list, and who knows, ere another quarter runs out, she may double herself again.

Yesterday we had an occasion to be in Matlock's Woolen Factory, and were shown through the establishment by the bos, Mr. Roger Foster. Truly this Factory may be classed among the first in the State. If you don't believe it, happen in some day and examine some of Mr. Foster's work in the shape of fine blankets &c. The flouring department is in full operation and persons can be furnished with the first quality of flour on short notice.

Since the death of the comet, Mrs. Cunningham and her bogus baby is all the go in the newspapers.

Proceedings of the Limps.

The Society was called to order by the President, whereupon the following proceedings were had:

Bro. Nichols, chairman of the committee to investigate the case of Bro. Lockridge, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

'Your committee would report that they have carefully examined the case of Bro. Lockridge, and think that he displayed great judgement and courage in his fight with the old lady. We would return our thanks to Judge Cowgill for not fining our Bro more than two dollars.

S. C. Weatherhead, was elected a member and duly initiated.

Esquire Astley's petition was presented but rejected on account of his being a foreigner and office holder.

Society adjourned to meet at the usual time and place.

P. CURTIS, Pres.

J. RUSSELL, Secretary.

We are requested by Daniel Pier-son to say to the citizens of Hendricks county and all those who are going to the Agricultural Fair, that he will be ready to feed all who may favor him with a call. He has made arrangements with the society for the cooking department and intends fixing it up for the accommodation and comfort of his guests. Dan has a reputation as a cook which answers as an advertisement for a bill of fare.

GIGANTIC SPECULATOR.—The Illinois Central Railroad Company has already realized thirteen millions of dollars from the sale of their lands, and they have more than half the grant left yet—1,450,000 acres—which are now selling at an average of \$16 per acre. The road cost twenty-one millions, so that they will have the road free of cost to the company; and more than ten millions beside.

The last seen of the smiling gentleman, who voluntarily took such an interest in our downfall, he was trying to smile blackberries off of the bushes.

We shall call upon our business men next week to solicit advertisements. Hope our citizens will do what's right in this matter, and each of them give us an advertisement.

B. F. Foster of Indianapolis, will preach in Missionary Baptist Church Saturday 29th inst., also Sunday at the usual hours.